

GALERITA GOUAN, 1770 (PISCES): PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL INDEX TOGETHER WITH ADDITION OF *GALERITA* FABRICIUS, 1801, TO THE OFFICIAL LIST. Z.N.(S.) 1739

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The object of the present application is to ask the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature to reject the generic name *Galerita* Gouan, 1770, senior homonym of *Galerita* Fabricius, 1801.

2. The generic name *Galerita* was first published by Rondelet in 1554 (*Libri de piscibus marinis . . . Lugduni, apud Mathiam Bonhomme* : 204), but was, first used after the introduction of the Binomial System by Gouan in 1770 (*Historia Piscium* : 123), as a junior synonym of *Bleinnius* Linnaeus, 1758 (*Systema Naturae* (ed. 10) 1 : 256). Even though a *nomen nudum* in Gouan's *Historia Piscium*, and not adopted by either Gouan or a single subsequent author, the name *Galerita* Gouan was listed in several nomenclators (Schulze, Neave, etc.) as if it were an available name. As a result, it was incorrectly treated as a senior homonym by several subsequent authors (see 5, 6, below).

3. In 1801 Fabricius described the homonymic genus *Galerita* for Coleoptera, Insecta (*Systema Eleutheratorum* 1 : 214).

4. *Galerita* Fabricius has been made the type-genus of a taxon in the family-group by Lacordaire (1854, *Génère des Coléoptères* 1 : 79), the Galéritides.

5. In 1936 the name *Galeritula* Strand was proposed (*Folia Zool. Hydrobiol.* 9 : 168) to replace *Galerita* Fabricius, nec Gouan.

6. In 1949, overlooking the existence of *Galeritula* Strand, 1936, Jeannel (*Faune de l'Empire Français* 11 : 1057) proposed the name *Galeritina* to replace *Galerita* Fabricius, nec Gouan.

7. In the same paper Jeannel proposed the family-group name Galeritini (type-genus *Galeritini* Jeannel, 1949) to replace Galeritini (type-genus *Galerita* Fabricius, 1801).

8. Jedlicka in 1963 (*Entom. Abhandl. Museum Dresden.* 28 : 474) proposed the family-group name Galeritulini (type-genus *Galeritula* Strand, 1936) to replace Galeritini (type-genus *Galerita* Fabricius, 1801).

9. A forthcoming revision of the American species of the tribe which includes the genus *Galerita* Fabricius, revealed that the genus *Diabena* Fairmaire, 1901 (*Bull. Soc. ent. France* : 94) with two species in Madagascar, is a subjective synonym of *Galerita* Fabricius. *Diabena* having 35 years of priority over *Galeritula* Strand, would have to be used for the complex of 51 Neotropical, 7 Oriental and 17 Ethiopian species of the genus.

10. Even though two replacement names have been proposed and are available for *Galerita* Fabricius (see 5, 6, above), the latter is still widely used by specialists as well as non-specialists. As stated above (9), if *Galerita* Gouan were accepted, nomenclatural procedure would require the application of *Diabena* Fairmaire to the genus. *Diabena* Fairmaire, which was until now restricted to two Malagasy species, is almost completely unknown outside the

Ethiopian Region. *Galerita* Gouan, the senior homonym of *Galerita* Fabricius has never been used in the Binomial System as a senior synonym after 1758, as stated above (2).

11. It seems to the writer that a strict application of the Law of Homonymy in the case of *Galerita* Gouan, 1770 and *Galerita* Fabricius, 1801, is illogical, because of the fact that the senior homonym is not used in the literature as a valid generic name, while the junior homonym is a well known name in the entomological literature.

12. It is therefore requested that *Galerita* Gouan, 1770, be rejected as a *nomen nudum* and that *Galerita* Fabricius, 1801, be placed on the Official List.

13. For the reasons above it is requested that the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature:

- (1) place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology the family-group names:
  - (a) *Galeritinini* Jeannel, 1949 (type-genus, *Galeritina* Jeannel, 1949) (a junior objective synonym of *Galeritini* Lacordaire, 1854);
  - (b) *Galeritulini* Jedlicka, 1963 (type-genus, *Galeritula* Strand, 1936) (a junior objective synonym of *Galeritini* Lacordaire, 1854);
- (2) place on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology the family-group name *Galeritini* Lacordaire, 1854 (type-genus, *Galerita* Fabricius 1801);
- (3) place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology the generic name *Galerita* Gouan, 1770 (a *nomen nudum*);
- (4) place on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology the generic name *Galerita* Fabricius, 1801 (gender : feminine) (type-species, by designation by Latreille, 1810 (*Consid. gén. Anim. Crust. Arachn. Ins.* : 426), *Carabus americanus* Linnaeus, 1758);
- (5) place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the name *Carabus americanus* Linnaeus, 1758 (*Systema Naturae*, (ed. 10) : 415), as published in the binomen *Carabus americanus* (type-species of *Galerita* Fabricius, 1801).